

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, September 24, 2020.**

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at **6:00 P.M.**

WESTMONT VIRTUAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymiski P

TRUSTEES: Barker P Barry P
Guzzo P Liddle P
Nero P

STAFF:

May <u>P</u> (Village Mgr)	Parker <u>P</u> (Finance Director)	Sylvester <u>P</u> (Community Dev. Director)
Brainerd <u>A</u> (HR Director)	McIntyre <u>P</u> (Communications Director)	Liljeberg <u>P</u> (I.T. Manager)
Chief Gunther <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)	Dep Chief Thompson <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)	Dep Chief Gruen <u>P</u> (Police Dept.)
Chief Riley <u>P</u> (Fire Dept.)	Olsson <u>A</u> (Assistant Finance Director))	Richards <u>A</u> (Deputy Clerk)
Ramsey <u>P</u> (P.W. Director)	Mielcarski <u>P</u> (Management Analyst)	Mulhearn <u>P</u> (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Carrara A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

- Village Manager May talked about how people can submit public comments.
- There was one comment submitted online by Caroline Dunham of South Linden Ave. She has asked that the Village consider giving water discounts during droughts periods.

Village Clerk Szymski

- The packets are available for pick up from the Clerk's Office.
- The positions that are up for election in April 2021 are: Mayor, Clerk, 3 Village Trustees, and 3 Library Trustees.
- Candidates can go out and obtain petitions for the April election.

Trustee Nero

- We celebrated the 20 year anniversary of one of our Public Works employees, Jim Burke. He is a great asset to the Village of Westmont.
- Our old fueling center will be closing at the end of October and the new one will likely be opening in the summer.
- The new Public Works facility is 85% complete.
- The 61 Street and Richmond detention basin is 95% complete. Final trees will be planted next week.
- Gave an update on the Alley C project. The previous concrete for the first phase is completed. The bricks will be installed and completed by September 25th and the second phase will begin on Monday, October 5th.
- Thanked the Streets Division for taking care of storm damage, such as downed trees and broken tree limbs.
- Up to date, there have been 16 sinkholes repaired.
- There have been 6 water main breaks recently. Thanked the Water Division for repairing those breaks.
- The North Parking lot will be up for Village Board approval and will hopefully break ground in the spring.
- Pedestrian gates will be repaired by Metra and BNSF starting on Monday.

Trustee Liddle

- The next Administration / Finance Committee is meeting October 8th at 4:30pm.
- Everyone is invited to visit www.westmontevents.com and participate in our modified Wicked West Fest Costume Contest. People can take a photo in their costumes and send it in or you can sign up to have our WSEC "Costumed Kooky Characters" visit your home to take pictures of costumed contestants and drop off a Halloween goodie bag. All photos will be posted online for public voting.
- There will be a house decorating contest. Participants can either send in up to five pictures of your entry, or the WSEC will visit your home to take photos. Visit www.westmontevents.com for more information.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo

- The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be November 5th at 4:30pm.
- The Police Department will be hosting a paper shredding event with Westmont business Docu-Shred. This will be a fundraiser for Special Olympics Illionios. The Shred event is scheduled for October 17th. The event will run from 9am to 12:00pm at 500 North Cass Avenue.
- Congratulated the two new police officers.

- Reminded everyone that when you hear sirens, when you see lights, pull over to the right.

Trustee Barker

- The next Westmont First meeting will be October 19th at 6:00pm.
- Gave an update on the Census. It will be complete on September 30. We have about 75.1% participation. The official numbers will not be available until December.
- Recapped the Environmental Improvement Committee from September 5th, 2020. We had a guest speaker who talked to us about solar panels and solar energy.
- We will be able to have a pumpkin composting event this year. It is outdoors and it will be November 7th at the Library from 9am - 12pm.
- We plan on having a holiday lights recycling. If you decorate for Halloween and use lights that go out, hold on to them and recycle them at one of our holiday recycling events.
- Thanked Jenny Babyar and Westmont First has been really great about working

Trustee Barry

- The Economic Development Committee meeting and Planning and Zoning meeting has been cancelled.
- The Planning and Zoning staff continue to work on many projects and permits. The Economic Development Committee team is still meeting on a weekly basis with Larry and the Chamber and their economic partnership.
- There is a lot of activity on Pasquinelli Drive, Ogden Avenue, and there is some beautification going along on the Oakwood side.
- The automile is open for business.
- The medical building on Ogden is moving along well and has gone vertical.
- Starbucks is expected to open in the next day or two.
- Congratulated the new police officers.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

There are no items to be removed from the consent agenda.

(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to approve the consent agenda.

(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board meeting held **September 10, 2020**.

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #10: Dated **September 24, 2020** in the amount of **\$1,130,386.03**.

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS

21200707	DuPage Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$ 34,239.00
21200709	Crowne Industries LTD	400,000.00
PURCHASE ORDER TOTAL		\$ 434,239.00

(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE : \$ 1,564,625.03

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero,

Nays: None

Absent: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) ENGINEERING SERVICES - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - EZA

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving an agreement with EZA Engineering PLLC for professional engineering services.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Nero, Liddle

Nays: None

Absent: None

(3) ENGINEERING SERVICES - AMENDED PW DEPT AGREEMENT - PRIMERA

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving an Amended Agreement for Professional Engineering Services with Primera Engineers, Ltd.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Nero, Liddle

Nays: None

Absent: None

(4) INCREASE OF AVAILABLE TOBACCO LICENSES

Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance increasing the number of available tobacco licenses by one (1) to allow for the issuance of a tobacco license to Roundy's Illinois LLC d/b/a Marianos Fuel Center, 140 W. 63rd Street.

Comments:

No vape products will be sold.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

(5) SIGN VARIANCE - MCGRATH LEXUS OF WESTMONT

Community Development Director Sylvester and the General Manager Jimmy Tran addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance granting the following approvals for McGrath Lexus of Westmont, 500 E. Ogden Avenue, Westmont, IL 60559:

1. A Zoning Code Variance to exceed the number & location of wall signs for an open sales lot located at 470 East Ogden Avenue, commonly known as 500 East Ogden Avenue, in the B-2 General Business District.
2. A Zoning Code Variance to exceed the aggregate size of all signs for an open sales lot located at 470 East Ogden Avenue, commonly known as 500 East Ogden Avenue, in the B-2 General Business District.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

(6) LINCOLN MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AT 25, 29, AND 33 NORTH LINCOLN

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider ordinances to allow the Village of Westmont to construct a municipal parking lot on properties located at 25, 29 and 33 North Lincoln Street, Westmont as follows:

1. A Special Use Permit to allow the construction of a publicly-owned parking lot in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residential District to serve adjoining and nearby business districts;
2. A Zoning Code Variance to allow parking in the front yard, side yard, and in front of the setback line;
3. A waiver from the Westmont Engineering Standards for stall size;
4. A Site and Landscape Plan for the construction of a publicly-owned parking lot in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residential District; and
5. A Preliminary Plat of Consolidation to consolidate three lots at 25, 29, and 33 North Lincoln Street located in the R-3 Single Family Detached Residential District.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

(7) TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Gunter addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider a motion approving Mayor Gunter's appointment of a trustee to fulfill the term left vacant by the passing of Trustee Addington.

Comment: Frank Brady was appointed to fulfill the remaining term.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #7

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Trustee Barry wanted to mention that the FMC Natatorium will have their ribbon cutting next week.
- Thanked Spencer Parker for trying to help out the small businesses by issuing grants.

(8) ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #8

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:29 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 8th day of October, 2020